

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Notice of Allowance and Examiner's Amendment Mailed August 13, 2008:

This Amendment amended the application, as follows:

Claim 1, line 10: after “entire length of the outer shell” add –the outer shell and the web having substantially the same length--. The same amendment applies to Claim 3, line 9; Claim 18, line 9; Claim 24, line 9; Claim 25 line 8 and Claim 37, line 8.

Claim 13, line 4: change “an proximal portion” to –a proximal portion--.

Claims 39 and 40: cancel these claims.

With these amendments, Claims 1 to 38 were allowed and Claims 39 to 40 were cancelled, thus leaving allowed Claims 1 to 38 in the application.

Purpose of the Present Amendments:

The present amendments are for purposes of inserting a comma (,) before “the outer shell” and the word “portion” after the word “web” in the Examiner’s amendments of Claims 1, 3, 9, 18, 24, 25 and 37. This is necessary grammatically and to be consistent with the antecedent “web portion” defined in each of these claims. The amendments raise no new issues and are not intended to alter the scope of the claims. Accordingly, their entry under the provisions of the

Rule 312 is considered in order. They are consistent with the undersigned's understanding at the time he gave authorization for the amendment in the telephone interview of 26th June 2008.

Conclusion:

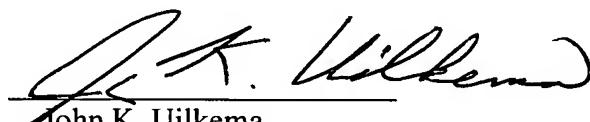
Entry of the present Amendment is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions or believe that it would be beneficial to speak to Applicant's undersigned attorney, he is invited to do so at the number shown below.

Please charge any additional fee or credit any overpayment not otherwise paid or credited, to deposit account No. 50-0918.

Respectfully submitted,

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